Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 27 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 28 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 26 Mar 2021 at 14:48 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for rather cold conditions through Saturday and at first on Sunday and for a marked change to milder, wetter conditions from later Sunday. Uncertainty over the timing of drier weather arriving.

Headline for Saturday 27 Mar 2021: Early snow showers fading, then bright or sunny but a very cold feel at height. Turning wet and very windy later.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 27 Mar 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow showers (night)	Heavy snow	Light snow showers	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Cloudy	Heavy snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability							
30%	60%	40%	10%	10%	30%	80%	80%

Forecast for Saturday 27 Mar 2021

Weather: Clear spells and a few passing snow showers through the early hours. This will leave a cold and for some, frosty start although some isolated showers may still linger until mid-morning. Plenty of sunshine through morning, this turning hazy around midday. Outbreaks of rain (sleet and snow above 600m) will spread eastwards through evening along with widespread southerly gales.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50% around dawn, rising 80% for the bulk of the day then almost zero through evening.

Visibility: Any passing snow showers will reduce visibility to several hundred metres for short periods through morning, along with bringing areas of cloud down to around 400m, but as these fade away and cloud lifts, visibility will be excellent. Deteriorating from the west through afternoon as cloud lowers to 600-800m widely and rain/snow sets in.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	20/27 W	24/32 W	23/32 W	16/24 W	22/32 SW	27/38 S	40/56 S	41/59 S	41/60 S
900	20/26 W	23/32 W	23/32 W	16/24 W	22/32 SW	26/37 S	37/53 S	38/56 S	38/57 S
600	13/20 W	15/24 W	15/24 W	12/20 W	18/29 SW	20/32 S	28/44 S	28/46 S	28/47 S
300	7/22 W	7/24 W	6/25 W	6/19 W	10/28 SW	10/32 S	12/42 S	12/44 S	13/46 S
Glen	8/16 W	9/19 W	9/20 W	7/15 W	14/26 SW	17/34 S	19/41 S	21/45 S	21/46 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-4/-12	-4/-13	-5/-14	-5/-12	-3/-11	-3/-11	-2/-12	-1/-10	1/-8
900	-3/-10	-4/-12	-4/-12	-4/-11	-2/-10	-2/-10	-2/-10	0/-8	2/-6
600	-1/-6	-1/-7	-2/-8	-1/-7	0/-6	0/-6	1/-7	2/-5	4/-3
300	1/-2	1/-3	0/-3	2/-1	3/-0	3/-0	3/-2	4/1	5/2
Glen	4/1	3/-0	3/-1	4/2	6/2	6/2	5/1	7/2	8/4
Freezing Level*	400m	300m	200m	300m	300m	500m	700m	1100m	1400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Be aware of rapidly deteriorating conditions from the west from mid-afternoon including widespread gales, poor visibility and heavy rain or snow.

Forecast for Sunday 28 Mar 2021

Weather: Heavy rain and summit snow will clear eastwards overnight to leave scattered snow showers and sunny spells in between. Showers mainly light and falling as rain below around 500m. A return to wet, windy and milder conditions is expected from the west through afternoon.

Maximum wind: West or Southwest 30-40mph gusting 60-70mph initially, easing to 25-35 gusting 50mph by afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60% through morning decreasing to 10% through afternoon.

Visibility: Generally very good through morning but passing showers likely to deduce visibility to a kilometre or so along with cloud bases down to 500-600m. Some areas of cloud possible above around 800m too. Cloud becoming extensive above 400-500m through afternoon, likely closer to 300m across Skye.

Temperature: **Glens:** 3-5C rising 7 or 8C.
At 800m: Minus 2 rising to plus 2C.
Freezing level: 400-600m rising well above summits through afternoon.

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